

Westminster Police Department

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Pursuit- Wanted Subject

Date: November 19, 2012

Arrestee: Vu, Tony D, 34 yrs old, resident of Midway City

Suspect Vehicle: Silver Honda Civic 2 door

Charges: Possession of Stolen Property, Felony Evasion, Probation Violation

Westminster, CA: On November 19, 2012, at 2:26 am, A Westminster Police Officer saw Tony Vu driving a silver Honda Civic on Bolsa Ave at Pagoda St. The officer recognized Vu as a suspect in a previous stolen vehicle investigation from November 5, 2012. During the earlier incident officers located a partially stripped Honda Civic reported stolen to the Orange County Sheriff's Department in the garage of Vu's Midway City home. Vu was also wanted for a probation violation. The officer began to follow Vu while waiting for another officer to arrive. Vu became aware of the officer following him and he fled at high speed initiating the pursuit.

Westminster Police units pursued Vu on city streets and onto the southbound San Diego Freeway, driving toward Costa Mesa. Units from the California Highway Patrol then assisted when Vu would drive onto a freeway. A helicopter unit from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department also responded to keep observation of Vu. Vu drove on numerous freeways within Orange County and several times he drove into Long Beach, only to return to Westminster. He eventually drove into Huntington Beach where he lost control of his vehicle at the intersection of Brookhurst St and Pacific Coast Highway. Several Huntington Beach Police units then blocked Vu's path forcing him to stop. He was then taken into custody.

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Sergeant Mize said “The cooperation we received from the other law enforcement agencies such as the CHP, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and Huntington Beach Police greatly assisted us with taking this suspect into custody.” There were no traffic accidents or injuries to the public and Vu will be booked into the Orange County Jail for Possession of Stolen Property, Felony Evading Arrest and a Probation Violation.